

The Reward

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President's Ramblings

YOU ARE MISSING OUT!

On socials, I mean. I would estimate that some number less than 20% of our membership have ever attended a social. Now, I can understand some of the reasons.....other plans; it's a week-night; the restaurant is too expensive; it's too far to drive at this time of the day; gas is too expensive; don't know most of the people; etc. But, I'm serious. You are really missing out on a great experience.



First of all, like many of you, if you put me in a room where I don't know anyone or don't know if I have something in common with the other people, I will still leave the room a stranger. I'm just not good at networking with unknown people. However, with the Socalm socials, there is a built-in relationship with the Miata. As "new" members show up to socials, it takes very little to get them talking about their car. When/where did you buy it? What color? What options? What work have you done on it? By yourself? What mechanic? How was your experience? These conversations can go on and on for, literally, hours.

But, over time, as many of the same members attend socials, the conversations move beyond the car to where a group of good friends are out for the evening and having a great time. We may discuss an oldest daughter's recent wedding, a new grandson, an ill mother, kids in college, a new guard dog, traffic tickets, etc. Yes, I know. We're supposed to be a car club. And, in some car clubs, the talk is ONLY about the car. But, with Socalm, right or wrong, we're a very social organization. With Juli and me, that's a major part of what we love about Socalm. With others, that's what they dislike about the club and why they seldom attend events. Personally, I feel that these members miss out on a lot.

Last night (7/8), Juli and I hosted the SGV social at a 50's burger place in Glendora. As 7 o'clock drew closer, we talked about who usually shows up, who we knew to be on vacation, who's building a home and might not make it, who's drive is fairly far and the traffic or gas might prevent them from attending, and we had just about come to the conclusion that this was going to be Socalm's "smallest" social when Mike & Martine Votaw (NOC reps) and their daughter, Megan, arrived, followed almost immediately by Mark and Nancy Lucero (So. Bay reps). Now, there was no way that I would have ever thought that either of them would have made this social. But, they did and we had a great evening. No, we didn't talk about anything that would change the world as we know it. But we did talk about our cars, planned future events, and just what was going on in our lives. There may have "only" been seven of us, but that's all it took to have a really great evening. And YOU, YOU MISSED OUT! You stayed at home

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CLUB INFORMATION

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CLUB INFORMATION

SOCALM is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to gather for enthusiastic fun and to share information about the Mazda Miata MX-5.

Annual Dues: \$25.00 per year. Check the mailing label on this newsletter. The date at the top is your membership expiration date. If that date has passed, then this is your LAST issue of *The Reward*.

Submissions to *The Reward* should be sent to the club address below. You can also send articles, pictures, and letters via e-mail to editor@socalm.org.

The standard deadline for submissions is the **15th** of the month, but you should always call the Editor-in-Chief to check on last minute submissions.

Submissions may be edited for content or length.

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SOCALM Library

Some of the members may not be aware that SOCALM has a library. There are several reference items available to members for their use. We have factory repair manuals for model years 1990, 91, and 92. An enthusiast manual for the early (1600cc) cars, along with suggested repair times manuals for 1995 cars.

If you are thinking of planning a run, but are a little reluctant because you've never done it before, there is an excellent manual available to walk you through the process. Back issues of Miata Magazine to Winter of 1992 are available.

We have a full set of past issues of *The Reward*, thanks to Bill Strohm who donated his collection.

There are also some items that may be helpful, such as 2 portable CB radios for use on runs. A G-Tech meter for measuring acceleration, horsepower and cornering G's. A trunk-mounted luggage rack is available to use on a long trip.

These items are here for the use of any SOCALM member in good standing. Just contact club librarian Bill Bryant at (909) 595-1974 or librarian@socalm.org to make arrangements.

Membership Statistics

Memberships	234	People	363
Single	105	Cars	262
Dual	129		

SOCALM Merchandise

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MEMBERSHIP

RENEWALS DUE

The following Memberships are up for renewal in **August**.
Send in your dues today. Mail them to

SOCALM
23052-H Alicia Parkway #247
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

If you have already sent in your dues – Thank You!

Bill & Doreen Bryant	Diamond Bar	2000 Evolution Orange
Steven Capps	Tustin	2006 Brilliant Black
Linda Day	Long Beach	1999 Sapphire Blue
John Finster	Alta Loma	2004 Titanium Grey
Scott Flatland	Cypress	2001 BRG
Drew Gainor & Kathy DeMeo	Lake Forest	1993 Classic Red
Richard Gondek	Thousand Oaks	1993 Crystal White
Krista Grace	Goleta	2002 Crystal Blue
Keith Horton	Goleta	1992 Laguna Blue
Bill Hyde & Janet Whatley	Fullerton	1991 Crystal White
Hal Jandorf & Terry Smith	Thousand Oaks	2006 Nordic Green
Scott Lowe & Anne Walker	Glendale	1996 Starlight Blue
Kostya Marowitz	Malibu	1997 Brilliant Black
Thomas & Margaret Oktavec	Burbank	1999 Brilliant Black
Mark Reilly	Irvine	2006 Galaxy Grey
Joseph & Joyce Rodman	Costa Mesa	2001 BRG
Barry & Robbie Rosenberg	Lake Forest	1997 Classic Red
Pat & Lee Ruecker	Mission Viejo	1995 Merlot
Fred Santillo	Tustin	1997 Twilight Blue
George Sessions	Goleta	1997 Montego Blue
Richard & Rose Tribble	Long Beach	2001 Crystal Blue
Brenda & Ron Truitt	Pico Rivera	1993 Crystal White
Michael Wilson	Ojai	1990 Mariner Blue
Thomas Wood	Highland	2004 Velocity Red
Eric & Shari Yoshimitsu	Highland	2006 Marble White

The following memberships were up for renewal in **July**.
If you have already sent in you dues – Thank You! If you haven't, please renew as soon as possible.

Alan & Jessica Davis	Ventura	1997 Twilight Blue
Mike & Sharon Davis	Trabuco Canyon	1994 Laguna Blue
Steve & Karen Diffenbacher	Upland	1999 White
Stef & Tom Gould	Cambria	1991 BRG
Kathryn Grimm & Mark Frere	Los Angeles	1994 Laguna Blue
David Hawk	North Hollywood	2000 Emerald
Randy & Kathy Holzer	Newberry Park	1996 Classic Red
Clinton Jullens	Long Beach	1995 Dark Blue
Gary Leemaster & Jo Mayer	Woodland Hills	2006 Galaxy Gray
Claude & Betty Legrande	Newbury Park	1996 Classic Red
Dennis & Norma Nelson	Lake Forest	2006 True Red

The following Memberships were up for renewal in **June**.
We are sorry to say good-bye to these members. We hope to see these memberships reactivated in the near future. We will miss you.

Gary & Kathy Gregory	Westminster	1997 White 1992 Classic Red
David Hetrick	Los Angeles	1995 Midnight Blue
Kenneth Kawahara	Manhattan Beach	1999 Emerald

John & Pat Redel	Fountain Valley	1995 Merlot
Stewart & Heather Shields	Reseda	n/a
Bill & Carol Strohm	Fountain Valley	1990 Mariner Blue
Jim & Debbie Thorpe	Long Beach	1996 Classic Red

New Members

Brad & Trisha Morris	Seal Beach	2001 Emerald
Kelly & Susan McClellan	Irvine	1991 BRG
Scott Rennie & Anne Miller	San Bernardino	2002 Brilliant Black
Phil & Gayle Sanders	Santa Clarita	2008 Icy Blue
Steve & Andi Scharf	Orange	1997 Twilight Blue
Linda & Nicole Young	Los Angeles	2000 White

Membership Renewals

Jim & Susan Copeland	Huntington Beach	1993 Brilliant Black
Vicki & Garry Davison	Ventura	1999 Sapphire 1999 Emerald 1999 Classic Red
Greg Keeling	Simi Valley	1994 Laguna Blue
Kathie McClelland	Newport Beach	1995 Merlot 1993 Crystal White
Lou Puliafico	Moreno Valley	2001 Classic Red
Dick & Hana Watts	Berkeley	1995 White 1997 White 2001 BRG

Birthdays

08/01	Lisa Bennett	08/20	Martine Votaw
	Cathy Thomas		Tim Williams
	Mitchel Whitehead		Graeme Kinsey
08/03	Tom Madracki		Gary Etter
08/04	Dustin Gordon	08/22	Christine Norris
08/05	Michael Carr		Paul Lawson
08/06	Diana Davis	08/23	Anne Margaret Snyder
08/07	Dottie Lee		Avil Jackson
	Doreen Bryant	08/24	Carolyn Potter
08/09	Gwen Vilbrandt	08/27	William Lee
08/13	Bill Hyde		Rodney Gordon
08/14	Steve Lepper	08/28	Anne Miller
	David Winder		Frances Pollock
08/15	Vicky Chien	08/31	Bill Bryant
08/19	Paulette Bruns		Nancy Lucero
	James Combs		

Financial Report

Snapshot View As of June 30, 2008

Balance as of 5/31/2008	\$4,747.37
Revenue / Deposits:	
Dues – Renewal	\$225.00
Dues - New	50.00
Merchandise	15.00
Total Revenue / Deposits:	290.00
Expenses:	
Reward Printing	\$(187.49)
Reward Postage	(124.49)
Postage	(42.00)
Host Reimbursement	(34.12)
Total Expenses:	(388.10)
Ending Balance as of 6/30/2008	\$4,649.27

SOCIALS

Greater Long Beach Big Bang Social



Date: Friday, August 8
Time: 7:30pm
Place: King's Fish House
1521 W. Katella Ave.
Orange 714.771.6655
Hosts: Bud & Lisa Martin
562-233-1272
longbeach@socalm.org
Link: www.kingsfishhouse.com

Description: It's back by popular demand, Big Bang Friday and Greater Long Beach Social. Greater Long Beach will once again infringe on North Orange County's territory to happily host this event. We will be having dinner at the popular King Fish House in Orange and then proceeding to the secret roof top location to see the fireworks show at Angels Stadium. The fireworks show generally starts around 9:30 after the last inning of the game, but has been known to start as late as 10:00pm due to extra innings. The show is spectacular because of the vantage point. From the rooftop location you are very close to the firing range and practically underneath the exploding display. If you love fireworks then you don't want to be left out. This is spectacular and you should be there!

Inland Empire

Hosts: Rodney Gordon
sgvalley@socalm.org
Description: Check the web site at www.socalm.org for the latest information about these events.

Combined North Orange County San Gabriel Valley

Date: Wednesday, August 6
Time: 6:30pm
Place: La Habra Heights Park
1885 North Hacienda Road
La Habra Heights
Host: Mike & Martine Votaw
Bob & Juli Davis
562.947.6174 H (Votaw)
562.713.6174 C (Votaw)
909.597.1664 H (Davis)
909.374.3998 C (Davis)
m3ev@msn.com
president@socalm.org

Description: The days are long and nights are warm. As Southern Californians know, our summer nights are perfect for outdoor events. One sure way to fully enjoy a summers eve is to take in a concert in the park. THAT'S RIGHT! This month a combined North Orange County and San Gabriel Valley Social will be held at an outdoor concert in the park.

The entertainment will be provided by **The Fenians**, a perennial favorite among Southern California concert goers. In fact, some say they are Orange County's premier Irish Band. The Fenians play a mix of traditional songs as well as their own original raucous ditties (nothing ribald, but toe-tappers nonetheless). Their foundation is definitely Celtic but they bring a complimentary mix of Rock, Folk, Bluegrass, and Jazz.

Food from various local vendors can be purchased at the park, or many prefer to bring a picnic dinner. Usually, at least one well known local restaurant is there serving up dinner for those who wish to buy, along with the Roasted Corn and fabulous Ice Cream Vendors. We very much hope to see everyone there to help us sing along.

Valley

Host: James Hinton
818.266.5996
valley@socalm.org
Description: Check the web site at www.socalm.org for the latest information about these events.

South Bay



Date: Tuesday, August 12
Time: 7:00pm
Place: BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
3525 W. Carson St.
Torrance
Host: Mark Lucero
310.539.3064
prht07@yahoo.com
Link: www.bjsrestaurants.com

Description: The South Bay Social will be at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Torrance. BJ's is a casual restaurant. They serve Appetizers, Pizza, Salads, Sandwiches and Burgers. BJ's also brews their own beers.

Directions: BJ's is near the north east corner of the Del Amo Fashion Center Mall.

Ventura County

Host: Chris Garrett
805.578.1547
ventura@socalm.org
Description: Check the web site at www.socalm.org for the latest information about these events.

SOCIALS

South Orange County

McBean's Picnic a'la Votaw



Date: Tuesday, August 19

Time: 6:45pm

Place: Galaxy Park, Newport Beach

Host: Dr. Angus McBean
949.644.4345

southoc@socalm.org

Description: McBean heard about this fun idea from Mike & Martine Votaw and thought everyone would enjoy this.

The plan: At 6:45 PM everyone will meet at Bristol Farms Market near Fashion Island in Newport Beach and shop for their picnic items from the

wonderful delicious deli. After everyone is finished getting their meal items we'll cue up and take a short drive to nearby Galaxy Park which overlooks the back bay in Newport Beach. (This happens to be McBean's former family's neighborhood.)

For those of you who prefer to bring you own food, you're welcome to meet us at the park around 7:15 pm.

What to bring: What ever you want to eat & drink, and it need not be from Bristol Farms. A blanket or chair to sit on, and wetnaps. There are only benches at this park and no bathrooms. Facilities can be found at nearby stores. Dogs are welcome!

An RSVP would be appreciated so McBean will know to look for you. :-)

Contact: Dr. Angus McBean at 949-644-4345. Please leave a message on his voice mail when you RSVP.

Directions to Bristol Farms Market:

810 Avocado Ave. Corona del Mar

From 405 exit MacArthur Blvd. and head toward Coast Hwy.

Turn Right on to PCH

Turn Right on to Avacado

Turn Right in to shopping center, Bristol Farms is straight ahead.

(It would be wise to use bathrooms here).

Directions to Galaxy View Park from Coast Hwy:

It is approximately in the 1400 block of Galaxy Drive directly across from a cul-de-sac -- *Rigel Circle*.

From PCH. Go North on Dover Drive toward Cliff Dr. *Stay in your Right lane.*

Turn *Right* onto Westcliff Drive. * (Note: You must pass the signal light in order to turn RIGHT on WESTCLIFF. You will see a sign saying "Dover Shores" as you enter and then you'll come to a stop sign.*

Turn Right (again) to stay on Westcliff Dr. Go down about 3 blocks.

Turn Left on to Santiago Drive

Turn Right on to Galaxy Drive

The park is around the 1400 block of Galaxy and is directly across from Rigel Circle.

(Note: There is a great view at this quiet neighborhood park, but there are only benches and no bathrooms.)

If you want directions from the freeway, please call me or Mapquest "Rigel Circle, Newport Beach, CA 92660".

IRVINE, Calif. – Mazda North American Operations (MNAO) today reported June 2008 sales of 23,771 vehicles, a 7.7 percent decrease over last year, but an increase of 3.7 percent on a Daily Selling Rate (DSR) basis. There were 24 selling days in June 2008, 27 in June 2007. Despite a tough economic state in the automotive industry, Mazda's year-to-date sales are up 0.3 percent with 153,141 vehicles sold (up 0.9 percent on a DSR basis).

MAZDA3 also had a great month, recording its best June sales ever, up 8.9 percent with sales of 12,346.

	Month-To-Date			Year-To-Date		
	June 2008	June 2007	% Change	June 2008	June 2007	% Change
Mazda3	12,346	11,341	8.9%	61,475	62,629	(1.8)%
Mazda5	1,416	1,096	29.2%	11,977	8,309	44.1%
Mazda6	3,685	3,814	(3.4)%	33,063	32,684	1.2%
MX-5 Miata	1,064	1,608	(33.8)%	7,149	9,603	(25.6)%
RX-8	333	509	(34.6)%	1,881	3,300	(43.0)%
CX-7	1,975	4,103	(51.9)%	15,974	20,455	(21.9)%
CX-9	1,830	1,955	(6.4)%	13,223	9,318	41.9%
Tribute	1,008	1,071	(5.9)%	7,576	4,646	63.1%
B-Series Truck	114	263	(56.7)%	823	1,618	(49.1)%
MPV	-	1	(100.0)%	-	122	(100.0)%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, August 9
Time: 10:00am—12:30pm
Hosts: Home of Bob & Juli Davis
1571 Rancho Hills Dr., Chino Hills

Description: Everyone is welcome to attend the board meeting.

Directions: From the 57, exit Grand Ave eastbound thru Diamond Bar to Chino Hills Pkwy and turn Right. Go approximately 0.5 miles to Windmill Creek and make another right. Then 0.25 miles to a stop sign where you will turn right again onto Rancho Hills Dr. We're at 1571, a loooooong mile up the hill on your left.

OR

From the 60 (in the Pomona Area), exit Phillips Ranch southbound...it becomes Chino Hills Pkwy. At approximately 3.0-3.5 miles, turn right onto Windmill Creek and follow the instructions above.



Monterey Historic Automobile Races

Date: August 15-17
Link: <http://www.montereyhistoric.com/>

Hot August Night(s)

Date: Saturday, August 16
Time: 5:00pm
Place: 25970 The Old Road
Santa Clarita
Hosts: Bob & Juli Davis
909.374.3998 C

Description: Hot August Night(s) - Come out and beat the heat on a top-down evening in the northern reaches of L.A. County. You'll have plenty of time to sleep the morning away before making your way on Saturday afternoon to the Chili's in Santa Clarita for dinner. IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON JOINING US FOR DINNER, YOU MUST CONTACT ME NO LATER THAN NOON THAT SATURDAY. I can "call ahead" for our group for 5pm. If you don't contact me, you're "on your own." I intend to depart the parking lot at 6:30pm, so if you just want to join us for the drive, please be there by 6:15pm.

We'll drop the tops and cruise for a few hours into the fading twilight and early evening of a hot August night. After enjoying the cooling breezes and rising moon, we'll end the run in Castaic at approximately 9:30pm and have desert (Foster's Freeze? Denny's? Starbucks?) You, of course, are free to cut out from the group whenever you want to enjoy the evening on your own. Come join us for a fun evening under the stars.

Directions: Take I-5 north to McBean Parkway, turn left and go under the freeway to the "Old Road" and turn left again. Chili's is immediately on your left. Note: THERE ARE NO GAS STATIONS AT I-5 AND McBEAN PKWY AND THE OLD ROAD. You'll need gas for a 120 mile drive.....no gas stops along the way.

Moon Over Miatas

Date: Saturday, August 16
Time: 7:30pm
Place: Santa Ysabel
Host: San Diego Miata Club
Link: <http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/>



Yosemite Sunset/Moonlight Run

Date: Saturday, August 16
Time: 1:00pm
Place: Starbucks at Shaw & 41
Hosts: San Joaquin Valley Miata Club
Link: <http://www.sjvmc.net/>

Description: It's that time again, for our night time Yosemite Run. We're giving it a twist this year. We'll watch the sunset from Olmstead Point while eating our picnic dinner, then we'll drive down into the Valley and up the other side to Glacier Point to take in the full moon. This will be a long day, but I promise, an unforgettable one.

We'll meet at Starbucks at Shaw & 41 at 1 p.m. We'll rendezvous with another group in Oakhurst in the Raley's parking lot at 2 for lunch. If you'd rather meet us in Oakhurst that's fine. Then Bob Whitley will lead us up Highway 49 to begin our adventure.

Pack a picnic dinner and bring \$20 for entrance into the Park.

No RSVP required, but will be appreciated so we'll have an idea how large our group will be. mtnmiz@comcast.net That's Sharon Mack.

Also e-mail me with any questions.

Mount Wilson Evening

Date: Saturday, August 30
Time: 3:30pm - 11:45pm
Place: Sunland
Host: Bob & Juli Davis (drive) 909.374.3998
Hal & Terry Jandorf (Mt. Wilson Observatory)

Description: Come out and enjoy a short afternoon run which ends with an evening at the Mount Wilson Observatory.

There are several options depending upon whether you're just along for the drive or if you're one of the participants scheduled to view the stars at the observatory.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

We'll meet at the Sizzler Restaurant, 10401 Sunland Blvd., in Sunland, just off the 210 freeway, north of Pasadena and south of Sylmar at 3:30pm. From there, we will take a somewhat short drive over Big Tujunga Canyon, Angeles Forest Hwy, and Angeles Crest Hwy, ending at the Hill Street Cafe for dinner. NOTE: there is no food at the observatory, other than what you bring to snack on.

After dinner, we'll head to Mt Wilson.....those who are just along for the drive will definitely want to do this part as the view from the large parking lot near the observatory is magnificent!

For those who may want to join or depart at different times, I estimate the timing as follows:

Depart Sizzler at approximately 3:45 pm
Arrive Hill Street Cafe 4:45 pm (I have "reservations" for 30)
Depart Hill Street Cafe 6:15pm
Arrive Mt Wilson 6:45 pm
Gates open for the Observatory at 7:15pm
Depart from Mt Wilson "whenever".

Sierra Adventure

Date: September 20-24
Time: 9:00am
Place: TA Travel Center, I-5 at Lavel Road
Wheeler Ridge
Hosts: Tom & Marna Wood
marna@miatafun.net
909.864.6271 H, 909.732.5487 C
RSVP by August 1, 2008

Description: The central Sierra Nevada Mountains have several awesome passes that criss-cross the mountain peaks. Each pass is unique, offering a wide variety of landscapes and vistas. We will meet just north of the Grapevine, just south of Bakersfield, to start our exploration. Throughout the coming days, we will travel Hwy 178, 395, 120, 108, 4, 88, 89 and 49 as we head north.

We will divide into two driving groups – one, led by Marna, that will take their time and smell the trees. The other group, led by Don Asperger, will enjoy the challenges of the mountain roads. Both groups will stop for lots of pictures.

Saturday will be a medium to long day, with an optional side trip to see the Ancient Bristlecone Pines. Sunday will be a long day as we travel west, then east, then west again. Monday will be a short day with the afternoon free to relax beside Lake Tahoe. Tuesday will be of medium length as we west, then south to Old Folsom. Wednesday, well, its time to head home.

Everyone needs to contact the hotels directly to make your reservations. Call as soon as possible because this will be a popular event and we only have 20 rooms held at each hotel. Tell them you are with the **Miata Club** when you make your reservation. All rates are before tax.

Saturday, Sept. 20 – Quality Inn, Mammoth Lakes \$79.00 (760-934-5114)

Sunday, Sept. 21 – Best Western Cedar Inn, Angels Camp \$116.00 (209-736-4000) [Mention Group #CD0000](#)

Monday, Sept. 22 – America's Best Value Inn, Tahoe City \$76.00 for King, \$81.00 for 2 double beds (530-583-3766)

Tuesday, Sept. 23 – Lake Natoma Inn, Folsom \$109.00 (916-351-1500)

If you have never been to Yosemite, we recommend that you extend your trip another day or two. We will be drive through Mariposa and Oakhurst on our way south on Wednesday. Both of these cities are one hour from Yosemite Valley and are excellent places to stay when visiting Yosemite.

Miatapalooza

Date: Saturday, September 27
Host: Bay Area Miata Club
Link: <http://www.bayareamiataassociation.com/>

Description: BAMA's premier event each year is our annual Miatapalooza, a celebration of all things Miata. This one-day event typically features a car show with awards, vendor exhibits, tech talks, raffle, catered lunch, and untimed autocross, with instructors available for those wanting to give it a try. It's always well-attended and a lot of fun. A small entry fee is charged for the festivities, but BAMA membership isn't required.

Coronado Speed Festival

Date: September 27, 28
Link: <http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/coronadospeedfestival/>

President's Message (continued)

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tied down with all of the other things going on in your life and missed an opportunity to spend just a couple of hours with some good friends and relax a bit. What more could we ask for on a beautiful southern California evening?!

So, think a little harder about coming out to one of the socials. We try to have them in each of the areas and move the locations around within each area to be more convenient. And, we try to choose restaurants where prices start below \$10 so that cost hopefully isn't a deterrent. And, there's nothing to keep you from just showing up and sitting with us. Nothing says that you have to spend a dime. We'd just enjoy having you at any of the socials. Give it some thought and I hope to see you at the next one in your area!

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